

House Bill No. 371

An act relating to the City of Jacksonville; amending chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended; clarifying exemptions provided in the Charter of the City of Jacksonville to the civil service status of designated positions; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville has determined that it is in its best interest to consolidate its housing programs within a new housing commission, and

WHEREAS, the city has determined that it is in its best interest to provide for appointed employees for the new agencies, while ensuring that present employees retain the right to revert to their civil service positions, and

WHEREAS, the city and the property appraiser wish to codify the status of appointed employees in that office and to confirm reversion rights for said employees, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (gg) and (hh) are added to section 17.06 of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville, as created by chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended, to read:

ARTICLE 17. CIVIL SERVICE

Section 17.06 Applicability of civil service system to employees of consolidated government.—The civil service provisions of this charter shall be applicable to all employees of the consolidated government except:

(gg) All persons employed by the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) and the Housing and Community Development Finance Commission (HCDFC), except those employees of organizations who were transferred into the HCDC or the HCDFC on July 1, 2003, as a result of the creation of the HCDC and the HCDFC pursuant to the City Ordinance Code and who elected to retain civil service status.

(hh) All persons employed in the Office of the Property Appraiser, except those employees who elected to retain civil service status prior to January 1, 2000.

Any person in the classified civil service who is appointed to a position exempted from the civil service system by this section shall be entitled to return to the same or a comparable civil service classification, with the same rights and status as held immediately prior to such appointment. Compensation for an employee returning to a civil service classification under this provision will be based upon the rate that he or she would have been receiving had the appointment not been made. This paragraph shall not apply to employees exempted from civil service provisions by subsections (a), (c), (e), (f), (i), or (q).

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor July 16, 2003.

Filed in Office Secretary of State July 16, 2003.